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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of using an adjustable backless, strapless bra comprising:

independently positioning a pair of bra cups over each of a user's breasts, wherein the bra cups have an interior surface adapted for placement over the user's breasts and a pressure sensitive adhesive layer disposed along the interior surface, wherein a thermoplastic film material supports the pressure sensitive adhesive layer;

adjoining a the pressure sensitive adhesive layer ~~disposed along the interior surface of~~ each of the bra cups to a desired position on the user's breasts, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive layer of each bra cup is sufficiently readily removed from the user's breast independently of the other bra cup to be repositionable relative to the user's breast and to the adjacent bra cup; and

adjoining the bra cups together by engaging a connector positioned between inner sides of each of the bra cups, wherein the connector comprises a first portion attached to the inner side of one of the bra cups and a second portion attached to the inner side of the other bra cup, wherein the first portion and the second portion are adapted to cooperatively engage.

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2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein each bra cup comprises an outer side facing opposite the inner side and towards the user's armpit, and the bra cup is secured to the user's breast by the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

~~3.~~ Cancelled.

~~3~~ 4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~3~~ 1 wherein the thermoplastic film material is disposed between a fabric material and the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

~~4~~ 5. (Currently Amended) A method of using a backless, strapless bra to adjust breast cleavage comprising:
independently positioning a pair of bra cups over each of a user's breasts, wherein the bra cups have an interior surface adapted for placement over the user's breasts and a pressure sensitive adhesive layer disposed along the interior surface, wherein a thermoplastic film material supports the pressure sensitive adhesive layer;

adjoining a the pressure sensitive adhesive layer ~~disposed along the interior surface~~ of each of the bra cups to a desired position on the user's breasts, wherein the pressure sensitive adhesive layer of each bra cup is sufficiently readily removed from the user's breast independently of the other bra cup to be repositionable relative to the user's breast and to the adjacent bra cup;

adjoining the bra cups together by engaging a connector positioned between inner sides of each of the bra cups, wherein

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the connector comprises a first portion attached to the inner side of one of the bra cups and a second portion attached to the inner side of the other bra cup, wherein the first portion and the second portion are adapted to cooperatively engage, whereby engaging the first portion and the second portion moves the bra cups and the user's breasts together and creates an amount of breast cleavage; and

adjusting the amount of breast cleavage by removing at least one of the bra cups from the user's breasts and repositioning the bra cups at a different position on the user's breasts, such that the distance between the inner sides of the bra cups before they are adjoined together affects the amount of breast cleavage created when the bra cups are adjoined together.

5/6. (Original) The method of claim ⁴5 also comprising increasing the distance between the inner sides of the bra cups before they are adjoined together to increase the amount of breast cleavage created when the bra cups are adjoined together.

6/7. (Original) The method of claim ⁴5 also comprising decreasing the distance between the inner sides of the bra cups before they are adjoined together to decrease the amount of breast cleavage created when the bra cups are adjoined together.

7/8. (Original) The method of claim ⁴5 wherein each bra cup comprises an outer side facing opposite the inner side and towards the user's armpit, and the bra cup is secured to the user's breast by the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.

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9. Cancelled.

~~§ 10.~~ (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[9]]~~ ⁴/₅ wherein the thermoplastic film material is disposed between a fabric material and the pressure sensitive adhesive layer.